Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of October, 2017

International Cooperation

1. Raksha Mantri led delegation visited Philippines from October 23-25, 2017 for attending the 4th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus). On the sidelines of 4th ADMM Plus, bilateral talks were also held with the Defence Minister of Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Myanmar, Australia, Russia and the USA.

2. French Minister of Armed Forces visited India during October 27-28, 2017. Delegation level talks with Raksha Mantri were held on 27.10.2017.

3. The first ever India – Russia Tri Services Military Exercise “INDRA-2017” was held in Russia between October 19-29, 2017.

Naval Commanders’ Conference

4. The second edition of this year’s bi-annual Naval Commanders’ Conference was held between October 24-27, 2017 in New Delhi. Raksha Mantri noted the high operational tempo maintained by the Navy in the last one year through regular deployment of ships, submarines and aircraft from the South China Sea and Sea of Japan in the East to the Persian Gulf and the Atlantic Ocean in the West and the shores of Australia in the South including the focused efforts to deter piracy attempts off the Gulf of Aden.

Major Landing Operations of Indian Air Force

5. Indian Air Force carried out major landing operations on the Lucknow-Agra Expressway, on October 24, 2017. The series of landing took place close to Bangarmau in Unnao District of Uttar Pradesh, where a 3 km stretch was specially prepared for such operations. A total of sixteen aircraft participated in the operation which comprised IAF’s frontline Air Superiority Fighters including the Sukhoi-30, Mirage-2000 and Jaguar fighter aircraft. IAF had already carried out landing by fighter aircraft for the first time on the Yamuna expressway on May 21, 2015.

Indigenization in Defence Sector

6. While inaugurating a seminar on Solutions to Problem Statements with a theme ‘Indigenous Technological Empowerment of the Indian Army’ in New Delhi on October 25, 2017 Raksha Rajya Mantri stated that the quest for indigenization must be the foremost concern of any organization. This is even more important in Defence sector as it leads to self-reliance which is critical to national security. RRM emphasised that the significance of indigenization must be fully absorbed by all stakeholders and ‘Make in India’ must be implemented in all future acquisition programmes.
Miscellaneous

(7) In pursuance with India ‘Act East Policy’, Indian Naval Ship Sukanya arrived at Belawan Indonesia on October 24, 2017 to participate in the 30th edition of CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol) and 3rd Bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy. The exercise aimed to foster closer maritime ties with countries located on the rim of the Indian Ocean.

(8) A contract for procurements of 104 Driver Simulators for T-72 and T-90 Tanks at a cost of Rs.223.67 crore from M/s Zen Technologies Ltd., Hyderabad was signed on 30.10.2017.

(9) On October 22, 2017, the Coast Guard vessel ICGS-120 safely escorted the distressed boat of Hindustan Oil Exploration Company to Cuddalore port.

(10) ICGS Sarathi in company with ITS (IN Ships Tir, Sujata, Shardul and Sudarshini) sailed from Jakarta (Indonesia) on October 22, 2017.

(11) ICGS Samarth sailed from Mumbai on October 22, 2017 for OSD to Middle East.

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